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In re the Application of: **Akio NAKAJIMA**

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Serial Number: **09/400,833**

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)

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October 27, 2006

Sir:

After payment of the issue fee, Applicant received an Office Action from the Japan Patent Office with respect to the counterpart Japanese Application. The cited references should be considered by the Examiner.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of a Request for Continued Examination and the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

A Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement are submitted concurrently herewith.

Enclosed please find our check in the amount of **\$920.00** (\$130.00 for the petition fee and \$790.00 for the RCE filing fee).

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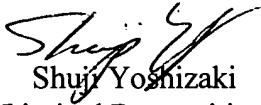
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If this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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